GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) fresh examination is scheduled to be held shortly The Union Public Service Commission is expected to announce the detailed programme in due course

(c) the delay in announcing fresh dates for the examination is due to

(i) the necessity of identifying the source of leakage and taking apropriate corrective measures

(ii) the procedural and logistical requirements for carrying out the examination de novo

(Translation)

BOGUS RATION CARDS IN DELHI

300 SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether a large number of bogus ration cards are in use in Delhi in spite of stringent rules made by the Government in this respect, and

(b) if so the action being taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) (a) and (b) Instances have come to the notice of the Government about the existence and use of bogus ration cards inflated units in the Union Territory of Delhi The Union Territory Administration undertakes regular drives to weed out bogus ration cards and eliminate inflated units As many as 271 bogus ration cards were detected during the first quarter of 1991 (January-March) (English)

FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

301 SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage fall in foreign investments in the country at the end of 1990 as compared to that in 1989,

(b) the names of the countries from which the investments have declined with percentage of decline in each case and the reasons therefore,

(c) the overall impact of the decline in the foreign investments on the various projects and

(d) the steps the Government have taken or propose to take to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P J KURIEN) (a) and (b) A Statement is attached The number of foreign collaborations approved with foreign investment was the same in 1990 as in 1989 being 194 in each year The sharp increase in the quantum of foreign investment approved in 1989 was due to one mega project Other reasons for the fall in the foreign investment approved in 1990 could be external factors like global economic situation Gulf crisis etc

(c) and (d) No adverse impact is foreseen in the flow of foreign investment to approved projects